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SUBJECT: MEDICAL CARE FOR COLONEL ADAN JOSE ALONSO

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1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO REEMPHASIZE AMBASSADORIAL CONCURRENCE TO HOSPITALIZATION OF COLONEL ALONSO AS CONTAINED IN REFERENCE.

2. ON 15 MARCH 1976, TERRORISTS ATTACKED THE ARMY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, OSTENSIBLY TO KILL LTG AND NOW PRESIDENT VIDELA. COLONEL ALONSO ENTERED THE PARKING AREA MINUTES BEFORE GENERAL VIDELA AND FELL VICTIM TO THE XPLOSION WHICH RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF HIS EYE AND A TERRIBLY DISFIGURED FACE.

3. IT WOULD BE IN THE BEST NATIONAL INTEREST OF THE US TO BE RESPONSIVE TO MG VIOLA'S PERSONAL REQUEST TO GENERAL WEYAND FOR HOSPITALIZATION FOR COLONEL ALONSO. COSTS WOULD BE MINIMAL SINCE THE ARGENTINES ARE UNDERWRITING THE MEDICAL CARE AND ARE SEEKING ONLY WALTER REED'S EXPERTIESE IN PLASTIC SURGERY.
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